

*** * REASONS FOR AMENDMENTS AND REMARKS * ***

Applicants wish to acknowledge with appreciation the Examiner's analysis and efforts in examining this application.

On page 2 of the Official Action, the Examiner has indicated that Claims 1-24 and 28 are allowable. The Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for that indication.

On page 2 of the Official Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 25-27 and 29 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Greubel et al.

Claims 25 and 29 have been amended to comprise that both the piston and slide, or, in the case of Claim 29, the actuation means and slide means, both move in the same direction. Support for this amendment is shown on page 6, lines 13-27; Page 17, lines 16-18; and Figures 6 and 7, for example. Because no argument was provided in the Office Action as to how the limitations of Claims 25 and 29 are read on by the Greubel *et al.* patent, such can only be presumed. It is, thus, not conceded that the amendments to Claims 25 and 29 are being amended in response to the merits of the Examiner's rejections. Nevertheless, because the pulley system in Greubel *et al.* moves the piston in an opposite direction from the slide, it does not teach the same limitation as has been included in Claims 25 and 29.

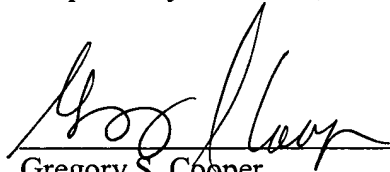
Accordingly, it is believed that neither Claim 25, nor Claim 29, as amended, is anticipated by the Greubel *et al.* reference. It is, thus, respectfully requested that the rejection of these claims be withdrawn.

If, upon consideration of the above, the Examiner should feel that there remain outstanding issues in the present application that could be resolved, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' patent counsel at the telephone number provided on page 8 to discuss such issues.

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To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 is hereby made. To the extent additional fees are required, please charge the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 02-1010 (614359/82685) and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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